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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA

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1. WITH MOST OF YUGOSLAVIA ON HOLIDAY, CHARGE WAS ABLE TO
GET AN APPOINTMENT ONLY THIS MORNING WITH AMBASSADOR DRAGOMIR
PETROVIC, WHO IS ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, ALTHOUGH HIS NORMAL DUTIES COVER AFRICA,
ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA.

2. RESPONDING TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE AND ORAL PRESENTATION,
PETROVIC POINTED OUT THAT YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT EQUATE ZIONISM
WITH RACISM, NOTING THAT TITO'S MESSAGE TO THE GENEVA MEETING
DID NOT, SO FAR AS HE KNEW, MENTION ZIONISM. TITO'S MESSAGE
WOULD, HE SAID, CONSTITUTE THE GUIDANCE TO THE YUGOSLAV DELEGA-
TION AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT THE
ARABS' RESORT TO THE FORMULATION GREW OUT OF THE PALESTINIANS'
FRUSTRATION WITH FAILURE TO RESOLVE THE MIDDLE EASTERN ISSUE
AND PROVIDE THEM A HOMELAND. HE SPOKE SYMPATHETICALLY OF THE
PRESIDENT'S EFFORT TO SEEK A SOLUTION IN THE CAMP DAVID
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MEETINGS NEXT MONTH, AND DID NOT DISPUTE THAT PERPETUATION OF
THE ZIONISM-IS-RACISM ISSUE COMPLICATES THAT EFFORT AND THAT
ITS REAPPEARANCE IN A UN FORUM RUNS COUNTER TO THE PRESTIGE
OF THE UN.

3. PETROVIC SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM HIS AUTHORITIES OF THE
AIDE MEMOIRE, AS WELL AS THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION IN GENEVA.

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